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Survey.

Officers attached to Survey Party No. II.

174 *Q.*—S. R. Y. Ankinedu Prasad Bahadur: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to publish a statement as to the number of Officers and their subordinates attached to the Survey Party No. II with their salaries and the work expected to be done by each Officer?

A.—Two Assistant Directors of Survey are attached to Survey Party No. II. One of them is now drawing a pay of Rs. 450 per mensem and the other a pay of Rs. 350 per mensem. Government have no information of the actual distribution of work between these two officers.

The forecast of work for this party for 1923–24 is given below as reported in the Administration report for 1922–23:—

(1) Cadastral re-survey of 235 square miles in the Divi taluk, Kistna district;

(2) Cadastral survey (Estates) of 63 square miles in Kannivadi zamindari, Dindigul taluk, Madura district, and of 7 square miles in Nachiyar koil, Srivilliputtur taluk, Ramnad district.

Government have no information as to the number and salary of the subordinates attached to the party.

Tree-Tax.

Rate for taxation for coconut trees in the district of Trichinopoly.

175 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur S. Rm. M. Ct. Pethachi Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the rate of taxation for coconut trees in the district of Trichinopoly is higher than that now in force in the district of Tanjore; and

(*b*) why there should be such difference?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The difference in the rate is due to the fact that in Tanjore there has survived an older system of taxation under which the trees planted on assessed land were taxed instead of the land on which they grow. This system has disappeared in all other districts including Trichinopoly.

Village Regrouping.

'Vattams' in the South Arcot district.

176 *Q.*—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Vattams reduced in South Arcot consequent on the regrouping of villages and the probable annual saving under this head; and